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Body recovered from Puget Sound

Port Orchard, Wash. – Sheriff's deputies with the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office Marine Service Unit have recovered the remains of a human body found floating in Puget Sound.

The body was found earlier this afternoon in waters south of Bainbridge Island, midway between the South Kitsap community of Manchester and Blake Island.

The body appears to be that of an adult female, based on clothing. The remains are in an advanced stage of decomposition, attributed to extensive exposure to the elements and sea water.

No identification was found on the body.

An x-ray of the body, followed by an autopsy, will be performed tomorrow by the county's forensic pathologist in an attempt to identify the remains and to determine a cause and manner of death, if possible.

Kitsap County Sheriff's detectives will initiate an investigation.

The floating body was observed by a boater who contacted a Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife officer who, in turn, notified Kitsap County Central Communications (911 dispatch). A Kitsap County Sheriff's Office Marine Service Unit boat was sent to recover the remains, arriving on-scene between 3:30 – 4:00 p.m.

The body is now in the custody of the Kitsap County Coroner's Office, pending further investigation.

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